



Asian American Heritage Committee

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Members present: Dave Seery, Teruko Shiono, Marisa Fentzell, Michael Whitelock, Jamie Choi, Judi Stemmler, Dewi Wong, Richard Wang, Shenaz Choudhury, Donna

Heinz guests: Nancy McCombe, Kathleen Wendell

NEXT MEETING:

March 25, 2003

Tuesday

Room 200, Federal Building

11:30 AM

Awards Committee will meet at

11:00 AM

Room 200, Federal Building

We will try to make this a working lunch since the meeting room is within the cafeteria. So stop and get some lunch and join us at the meeting.

Chinese New Year, hosted by the OCA at the Syria Mosque, was a great success. Good times, good food and good friends.

The Chinese New Year stamps are out and can be purchased at your local post office.

SPEAKER – speaker has been confirmed – Ms. Angelica O. Tang, Representative to Secretary Elaine L. Chao of the US Department of Labor. A few details need to be worked out but Dave is on the situation and will report at the next meeting.

LUNCHEON – is set for May 2 at the Wm Pitt Student Union Ballroom – directions will be available with reservation form. Parking on the street if you can find a meter or across the street at Soldiers and Sailors Parking garage. Dave, Judi and Donna visited the ballroom but did not meet with the caterers due to the fact that their menu selections were about to change. **Judi** will follow up and let Donna know so that the reservation forms can get reproduced.

STAMP CANCELLATIONS - **ANIL** please call or e-mail Dave (412-395-4558 OR David.C.Seery@IRS.gov) on where we stand on getting the cancellations.

STUDENT AWARDS - WHO ARE OUR WINNERS? Names will be published in next month's minutes. Don't forget each group must pay for their student lunches.

HEINZ - Nancy would like to have some type of firm commitment from the groups who are planning any type of activity on May 3. I have attached the **old** activity sheet so you can fill it out and either **fax** or **mail** to Nancy. This is extremely important so that Nancy can describe what your group is going to do in the Heinz announcement. If Nancy describes a dance in their flier as opposed to saying a group will perform it, just the description alone might attract or entice someone to attend.

Her fax # 412-454-6030

Her address Family Program Manager, Heinz Regional History Center, 1212 Smallman Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15222

These need to be filled out ASAP so the Heinz Committee (Richard, Judi and Michael) can start assigning time slots to the performances and cooking demonstrations. We only have two months to coordinate everything!

The Market Place will again be downstairs in the Main Hall. This was a huge success last year. Since we won't be restricted as much as last year on the 1st floor, please plan

for the number of tables you will need on the Heinz Activity Sheet. There was some discussion to having the performances upstairs along with a few display tables, that way the people would not have to go upstairs for the cooking and then downstairs for the performances. We could have it all on one floor. This will be discussed again.

Hopefully all the groups planning to participate at Heinz will have their representative present at the awards meeting so we can have a good discussion of activities. **Could each of the groups please have a person in mind that will be sitting at the head table at the luncheon**

We need something or someone at Heinz to help draw in crowds. Dave and Judi agreed to draft letters to a few Pittsburgh Steelers to see if they would be interested in showing up. Maybe someone could look into something from the zoo, or aviary, or something like that.

Nancy introduced Kathleen Wendell, Registrar/Collections Manager, to the group. Kathleen collects artifacts from the different communities, eras, etc and displays them throughout the history center. Some of you have been in contact with Kathleen but for those of you who have not I have attached a brief summary of what she is trying to accomplish. Heinz is aware of the Asian heritage in Pittsburgh and they have nothing for the Asian Community at the center. For instance – back copies of the OCA Chinese New Year Banquet Programs and our FEB luncheon booklets can be archived to show a history of what we've done over the years. Anyone interested in donating a part of your history, contact Kathleen.

MISC – who has the videotape from two years ago? If you have it, kindly return it.